

**REMARKS**

Attached is the requisite inventors' Declaration.

A Notification of Missing Requirements has not been received by the undersigned.

An Assignment for recordation with appropriate fee and cover sheet are attached.

The claims have been amended above, without prejudice, to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to reduce the filing fees.

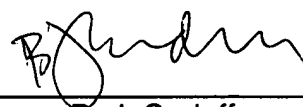
The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing. No new matter has been added. The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same.

Acceptance of the attached formal drawings, or specific objection and/or rejection of the same, is requested.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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